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SUBJ: GOM BREAKS WITH PAST PRACTICE, REFUSES TO DEAL WITH
GUADALAJARA KIDNAPPERS

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1. WHEREAS GOM IN ALL POLITICAL KIDNAPPINGS OVER LAST TWO YEARS HAS COMPLIED WITH KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS, IT ANNOUNCED EVENING OF OCT. 12 THAT IT WOULD NOT DEAL WITH ABDUCTORS OF HONORARY BRITISH CONSUL ANTHONY DUNCAN WILLIAMS AND INDUSTRIALIST LUIS FERNANDO ARANGUREN CASTIELLO (REFTELS).

2. IN 350-WORD NATIONWIDE RADIO-TV ADDRESS BROADCAST AT 1900 HOURS LOCAL, ATTORNEY GENERAL PEDRO OJEDA PAULLADA SAID: MEXICO AND ITS INSTITUTIONS COULD NOT ACCEPT "ABSURD PRETENSION" OF REMOVING FROM JUDICIAL PROCESS PERSONS ALREADY CHARGED OR SENTENCED; PRESENT KIDNAPPERS SHOULD KNOW THAT ALL SECTORS OF MEXICAN SOCIETY ARE ALLIED AGAINST THEM; VICTIMS SHOULD BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY AND UNHARMED; "DRAMATIC PAST EXPERIENCES" IN VARIOUS OTHER COUNTRIES DEMONSTRATE THAT THESE TYPES OF CRIMES ONLY PROLIFERATE IF RULES OF BLACKMAIL ARE ACCEPTED; GOM AND PEOPLE WILL NOT COVENANT WITH CRIMINALS, FOR YIELDING TO KIDNAPPERS' PRETENSION.
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SIONS WOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO VITIATING PUBLIC ORDER, WHICH COUNTRY

NEEDS IF IT IS TO CONTINUE PROGRESSING IN PEACE."

3. IN PRESS CONFERENCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT, OJEDA SAID GOM WOULD CONTINUE FULLEST EFFORTS TO BREAK THE CASE. HE NOTED THAT BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED OVER FATE OF ITS HONORARY CONSUL BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT UK AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS WOULD UNDERSTAND GOM'S POSTURE. HE ADDED THAT WILLIAMS' STATUS AS HONORARY CONSUL AND MEXICAN CITIZEN WAS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF MEMBERS OF (CAREER) DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS. OJEDA ALSO CONFIRMED THAT MANY OF THE PRISONERS DESIGNATED FOR RELEASE BY KIDNAPPERS HAD DECLINED RELEASE. (PRESS OCT. 13 PUTS NUMBER OF THOSE REJECTING RELEASE AT 36 OUT OF 51. THEIR PRINCIPAL OBJECTION, HOWEVER, APPEARS TO BE INCLUSION IN THEIR NUMBER OF FOUR "NON-REVOLUTIONARY" MURDERERS ARRESTED EARLY THIS WEEK; SEE PARA 2, REF B, AND ALSO MEXICO 7619).

4. OJEDA'S STATEMENT CAME THREE HOURS AFTER DEADLINE KIDNAPPERS HAD ESTABLISHED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR DEMANDS (REF B). AS OF LATE MORNING OCT. 13, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION OF THEIR REACTION.

5. WILLIAMS' FAMILY IN GUADALAJARA REPORTEDLY REMAINS PREPARED TO PAY MONEY DEMANDED IF HE RELEASED UNHARMED, AND SPOKESMEN FOR BOTH FAMILIES APPARENTLY SHAKEN BY GOM'S ANNOUNCEMENT. SPOKESMAN FOR ARANGUREN FAMILY SAID LATE ON OCT. 12 THAT BOTH FAMILIES HAD ASKED STATE AUTHORITIES IN JALISCO TO INTERCEDE WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR SAFE-CONDUCT OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH KIDNAPPERS THEMSELVES COULD LEAVE COUNTRY IF VICTIMS RELEASED.

6. GROUP OF HONORARY CONSULS IN GUADALAJARA, HEADED BY HONORARY CONSUL OF PHILIPPINES, MET WITH JALISCO OFFICIALS AFTER OJEDA'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO ASK THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECONSIDER ITS POSTURE SO AS TO "SAVE TWO INNOCENT LIVES."

7. OJEDA'S THEME OF POPULAR UNITY BEHIND GOM MAY BE SOUNDED AGAIN OCT. 14 AT "GRAND ACT OF NATIONAL SOLIDARITY" (SCHEDULED BEFORE GUADALAJARA KIDNAPPINGS) IN MEXICO CITY'S ZOCALO UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF PRI'S CAMESINO AND POPULAR SECTORS, CONGRESS OF LABOR, AND CIVIL SERVANTS' UNION. PRES. ECHEVERRIA EXPECTED TO APPEAR. LAST COMPARABLE PRO-GOM RALLY WE CAN RECALL WAS STAGED ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JUNE 15, 1971, AFTER BLOODY REPRESSION OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATION FIVE DAYS EARLIER; TOMORROW'S RALLY PRESUMABLY PLANNED TO COUNTER-ACT CLIMATE REPORTED MEXICO 7221 AND A-511.
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